

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF BOISE RESCUE MISSION

HON. BILL SALI

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Mr. SALI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Boise Rescue Mission, BRM, in my great home state of Idaho. This year, under the guidance of Executive Director Rev. Bill Roscoe, the BRM celebrates 50 years of service to the Treasure Valley community by providing food, shelter, clothing, counseling, education and spiritual guidance for the homeless and others in need.

BRM began as a small facility, but has grown over the past five decades to include three facilities in Boise and Nampa. Today they serve between 600 and 800 meals a day to the hungry at three dining rooms, and provide almost 300 beds to the Treasure Valley's homeless.

In addition, BRM is committed to drug and alcohol counseling through the New Life Drug and Alcohol Addiction Recovery Program. The dedicated volunteers at BRM help participants stay sober and discover a new spiritual life. It is noteworthy that while BRM is a faith-based ministry, its spiritual outreach is non-coercive. It provides its services and programs to whoever needs them, whether or not the client has spiritual interest.

I commend the impact BRM is having on those in need in the Treasure Valley community. The sincere efforts and dedication of its volunteers is inspirational. Thank you, Rev. Roscoe, for your leadership and spiritual guidance. All Idahoans are in your debt.

IN HONOR OF ALVIN L. GRAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Alvin L. Gray, distinguished Case Western Reserve University alumnus, in recognition of his dedication, advocacy, and promotion of leadership in the Jewish Community and in the Greater Cleveland Area.

Alvin L. Gray was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1928, and carries with him a rich history of public service in the Greater Cleveland Area. He received his Bachelors of Arts in Political Science in 1949 and a Bachelors of Legal Letters in 1951 from Case Western Reserve University and was admitted to the Ohio Bar Association the same year. Mr. Gray works tirelessly to promote leadership skills in the Greater Cleveland community and holds several leadership positions in the numerous organizations he dedicates his time to. He currently serves as Director of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and Chairman of the Citizens for the Heights School Levy, is

a member of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, serves as Life Director of the Jewish Family Service Association, and is on the Board of Trustees of both the Hillel House and Jewish Community Center of Cleveland. Mr. Gray co-founded the Cleveland Heights Area Project and served as Vice President of the American Jewish Congress from 1974 to 1986. He also was Honorary President, Vice President and President of the American ORT Foundation, and past President of Jewish Vocational Service.

Alvin Gray has been recognized on numerous occasions for his innovative and important work in the Greater Cleveland Area. In 2001, he was inducted into the Cleveland Heights High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame and was awarded the Horace M. Kallen Distinguished Community Service Award from the Jewish American Congress. Mr. Gray was twice awarded the "Man of the Year" award, once in 1976 from the American ORT and again in 1986 from the Cleveland ORT.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Alvin L. Gray, and in recognition of his outstanding and tireless efforts as a promoter and advocate of leadership in the Jewish Community, as well as for his extensive and diverse service to the Greater Cleveland Community.

TRIBUTE TO MACLAIN BERHAUPT

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Maclain Berhaupt for her years of service to Dunkirk, NY and her new opportunity in her hometown of Jamestown, NY. Maclain's career is a wonderful example of what public service should be.

I would like to touch briefly on the many projects with which Maclain has been involved. Maclain has been employed as the Director of Development for the City of Dunkirk for the past three years. During that time she saw the Boardwalk Market, the Crocker-Sprague building redevelopment, and the soon-to-be-built SUNY Technology Incubator projects come to fruition. Mayor Richard Frey of Dunkirk has said that when Maclain was hired, she was not just an employee, she was an investment. This investment in the city's future certainly paid off, and Dunkirk is a better place today because of the dedication shown by Maclain.

Friday June 27, 2008 will be Maclain's last official day as the Director of Development in Dunkirk. She will then take her new post as the Urban Design Planning Coordinator for the Jamestown Renaissance Corporation.

As she returns to her hometown one thing is for sure. Maclain's future is bright and full of opportunity. I applaud her for her service and dedication to the Western New York community.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating Maclain on her job well done as the Dunkirk Director of Development and sending best wishes on her new career as the Urban Design Planning Coordinator for the Jamestown Renaissance Corporation.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to congratulate Maclain on her new opportunity in her hometown of Jamestown, NY and wish her and her family the best. Maclain's work should inspire us all to serve our communities and fellow man with dedicated hearts and committed lives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVAN PEARCE

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Mr. PEARCE. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 439 H. Con. Res. 372—Supporting the goals and ideals of Black Music Month and to honor the outstanding contributions that African American singers and musicians have made to the United States. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING GARRISON COLONEL MARK NEEDHAM

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay public tribute to Colonel Mark Needham, garrison commander at Fort Knox, Kentucky, retiring next month after 26 years of military service.

Colonel Needham was commissioned in the U.S. Army upon graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1982. During his tenure, he has completed assignments in Germany, the Balkans, and the United States.

Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Needham attended the prestigious Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, PA. He went to Carlisle Barracks after having served as an instructor at the Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk, VA where he was responsible for developing the Campaign Planning and Operational Art Course for the Joint Advanced Warfighting School. He also taught Joint and Combined Operational Planning to mid-grade officers.

Earlier in his career, Colonel Needham commanded a tank battalion at Fort Knox, training Soldiers and Marines as Armor Crewman and Combat Vehicle Mechanics. When he served as a Battalion Operations Officer in Europe, he deployed with U.S. Forces into Bosnia as part of the 1st Armored Division's Implementation Force mission. He was thereafter assigned as a Special Assistant to the Commander of all NATO forces in Bosnia.

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